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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Attorney Docket No. 20496-482	
Applicant:	Engl et al.	Confirmation No.:	7141
Application No.:	10/539,099	Group No.:	1725
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Title:	METHOD FOR PRODUCING A STEEL PRODUCT		

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

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